

REMARKS

Claims 21-34 and 36 are pending in this application. Claims 1-15, 19, 20, 40, 41 and 44-72 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Applicant reserves the right to include those claims in a separate continuing application. Claims 21 and 34 are in independent form. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicant wishes to express his appreciation to the Examiner for the indication that Claims 21-34 and 36 are allowed.

In the Office Action, Claims 14, 15, 19, 20, 40, 41, 44, 45 and 60-72 were rejected. Without conceding the propriety of these rejections, but rather strictly to obtain an earlier allowance and to expedite issuance, Applicant has amended the application by cancelling these claims. As such, the rejections of Claims 14, 15, 19, 20, 40, 41, 44, 45 and 60-72 are rendered moot.

Applicant has also cancelled withdrawn Claims 1-13 and 46-59. Therefore, only allowed Claims 21-34 and 36 remain.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims is earnestly solicited, as is expedited passage to issue of this application.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank A. DeLucia', written over a horizontal line.

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